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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of:
MASAHIKO KUBOTA, et al.
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: Concurrently Herewith
For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT, INK TANK, INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH INK TANK, LIQUID INFORMATION ACQUIRING METHOD AND LIQUID PHYSICAL PROPERTY CHANGE DISCRIMINATING METHOD

August 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

Japan 2000-181638, filed June 16, 2000;

Japan 2000-181834, filed June 16, 2000;

Japan 2000-181839, filed June 16, 2000; and

Japan 2000-308043, filed October 6, 2000.

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